

OA Virtual Region Board Meeting Minutes - approved

June 6, 2026

Present

Chair
Vice Chair
Treasurer
Digital Coordinator
Trustee
Bylaws Committee Chair
Data Protection Coordinator
Digital Resources Committee Chair

Opening and Administrative Items

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer and brief readings, including the Virtual Region strategic vision and Concept Six.

Minutes from April 7, 2026, Board meeting were accepted by acclamation..

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented the initial first- quarter 2026 financial report prepared by the bookkeeper. The reported available balance, including funds on hand and the prudent reserve, was approximately \$25,882.

Board members raised questions about contribution categories, including the annual appeal and individual contributions, because some annual appeal funds may have been recorded elsewhere.

The board requested a fuller report once the figures are clarified, including the final convention outcome.

The Treasurer will request clarification from the bookkeeper and report back.

Unfinished Business

Retreat Cruise 2027

A promotional flip book for the 2027 retreat cruise became publicly available before board review was complete and before registration had opened. Because the material used OA branding and the Virtual Region logo, the board identified potential trademark and copyright concerns.

The board also noted that there may not be a current or well-established OA model for cruises. An application to use the OA logo has been submitted.

Key items requiring follow-up include:

- **Contract:** Review the contract and related obligations before promotion continues.
- **Cruise line:** Review the cruise line's data privacy policies.
- **Liability and insurance:** Secure appropriate insurance before promotion resumes.
- **Registration:** Clarify the registration process before opening public access.
- **Data tracking:** Consider using a shortened URL through the Virtual Region's WordPress account to avoid third-party tracking.

The emerging agreement was to pause public access while copyright, trademark, privacy, insurance, contract, and registration questions are reviewed. The matter will return to the board once answers are available.

Assembly 1 2026 Follow-up

The board discussed the composition of the Assembly 1 minutes review committee. The parliamentarian, secretary, and bylaws chair had been expected to serve, consistent with practices used in other regions.

Follow-up review confirmed that Virtual Region policy requires the minutes review committee to be composed of service volunteers. The parliamentarian will therefore be replaced by a service volunteer.

Committee Carnival Recap

The Committee Carnival was generally viewed as successful and enjoyable. However, the board noted that enthusiasm during the event had not yet been translated into completed service sign-up forms. Members emphasized the need for timely follow-up, since participants may express interest during an event but later forget to complete the required documentation.

Next steps and considerations:

- Review whether the Carnival and Assembly committee meetings have overlapping goals and were scheduled too close together, creating unnecessary workload and duplication.
- If the Region moves to one assembly per year, consider holding a Carnival approximately six months before the assembly to create two major service-engagement opportunities each year.
- Update committee information gathered from both the Assembly and the Committee Carnival, and ensure interested volunteers complete the service sign-up process so the Virtual Region has the information needed for onboarding.

New Business

Election of 2027 Virtual Region Convention Chair

The board discussed the need to elect a chair for the 2027 Virtual Region Convention. One nomination was made, and the vote was 4 yes and 0 no.

The board also discussed rotation of service and the need to publicize convention service opportunities more broadly.

The board agreed to issue a broader call for service through e-blasts, website notices, committee pages, and direct outreach. The call will emphasize identifying and mentoring convention co-chairs and encouraging wider participation.

Newcomer Open House – June 27

The Newcomer Open House is a major outreach event, typically held three times per year, that reaches newcomers through live virtual meetings and social media outreach.

- All 12 English-language meeting slots were filled.
- Four non-English-language meetings were scheduled: one French, two Spanish, and one Greek.
- Seven additional foreign-language slots remain open.
- Flyer, schedule, and website materials are in progress, and Welcome Center and other service slots are still being discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m. with Rozanne's Prayer.